

## JAPANESE MAY CAPTURE LAWN TENNIS TITLE

Ichiya Kumagai, the Crack Oriental, Dangerous Competitor in the Singles.

### TILDEN MAY GIVE JAP RUN FOR TITLE

By JACK VINCIG.

THE national lawn tennis singles title stands a good chance of taking a trip to the Far East. Tilden fans were impressed with this fact recently when it was announced here that Ichiya Kumagai, the greatest of Japanese tennis players, was about to return to the United States in time to compete in the championship singles this fall.

Come to America. Kumagai, who is employed by a Tokyo banking firm, has been transferred to the New York branch of the firm, and his coming means that the few available stars who will be prepared to make an effort to keep the title in this country will have their hands full if the Oriental flash decides to enter the annual event, which he undoubtedly will.

In 1916 Kumagai created a sensation in this country. He defeated such stars as William M. Johnston, former national champion; Perk Griffith, E. P. Lamar, Nat Allen and many others who at that time were among the foremost players on this side of the water.

Kumagai, therefore, will find a scattered few to oppose his march to new triumphs on the courts of this country. For today there is not a man among the "first ten" of 1916 who is not in the service with the army or navy, with the exception of the Japanese player himself.

Little Opposition. With this fact in view, tennis critics lean to the belief that he will have a comparatively easy time winning the national title for reports from Japan say that he has been playing as brilliantly as ever. It is considered that one player who may have a chance with the Jap is William Tilden II, of Philadelphia, who recently won the national clay court championship at Chicago.

Aside from Tilden, who is a player of great experience, there is only a crop of youngsters who have graduated from the junior class, among them Harold Throckmorton and Chuck Garland.

## Two More For Old King Steel

Pitchers Ralph Stroud and Fred Nease, of the Louisville Colonels, jumped to a team in the steel league last week, and the Louisville Colonels threatened to get out an injunction to keep their legal right to keep their contracts. If he goes through with it, the machinery of the steel and shipyard baseball promoters may get an unpleasant airing.

## Nick And Tommy Each Confident Of A Victory Tonight; Thirty Rounds Of Boxing Promised

WITH NICK GUNDY, featherweight champion of Fort Bliss, in tip-top shape, and Tommy Nelson, El Paso feather, in even better condition, and both firmly believing he will win, there is only one way out—the referee's decision. Old boys say that on dope gundy will win but they must remember that Old Max hope delights in telling contradictory tales and in surprising the fans. On one thing all followers of the game are united—the two should furnish a rattling good bout.

Other bouts at the stadium tonight promise to be equally good, the contestants to a man being reported in fine trim for the fray. Bouts begin promptly at 8 o'clock. In addition to the main event between Gundy and Nelson are also scheduled the following:

Kid Shanks, Fifth cavalry, vs. Battling Duffy, Seventh cavalry, six rounds at 158 pounds.

Young Heck Bones, 24th infantry, vs. Leo Bradley, El Paso, six rounds at 126 pounds.

"Red" Williams, recruit camp, vs. "Red" Margolis, Fifth cavalry, four rounds at 115 pounds.

"Denny" Fiddell, 82nd field artillery, vs. Tommy Falso, Seventh cavalry, four rounds at 122 pounds.

"Parson" Wedge, El Paso, vs. Charley Short, Eighth engineers, four rounds.

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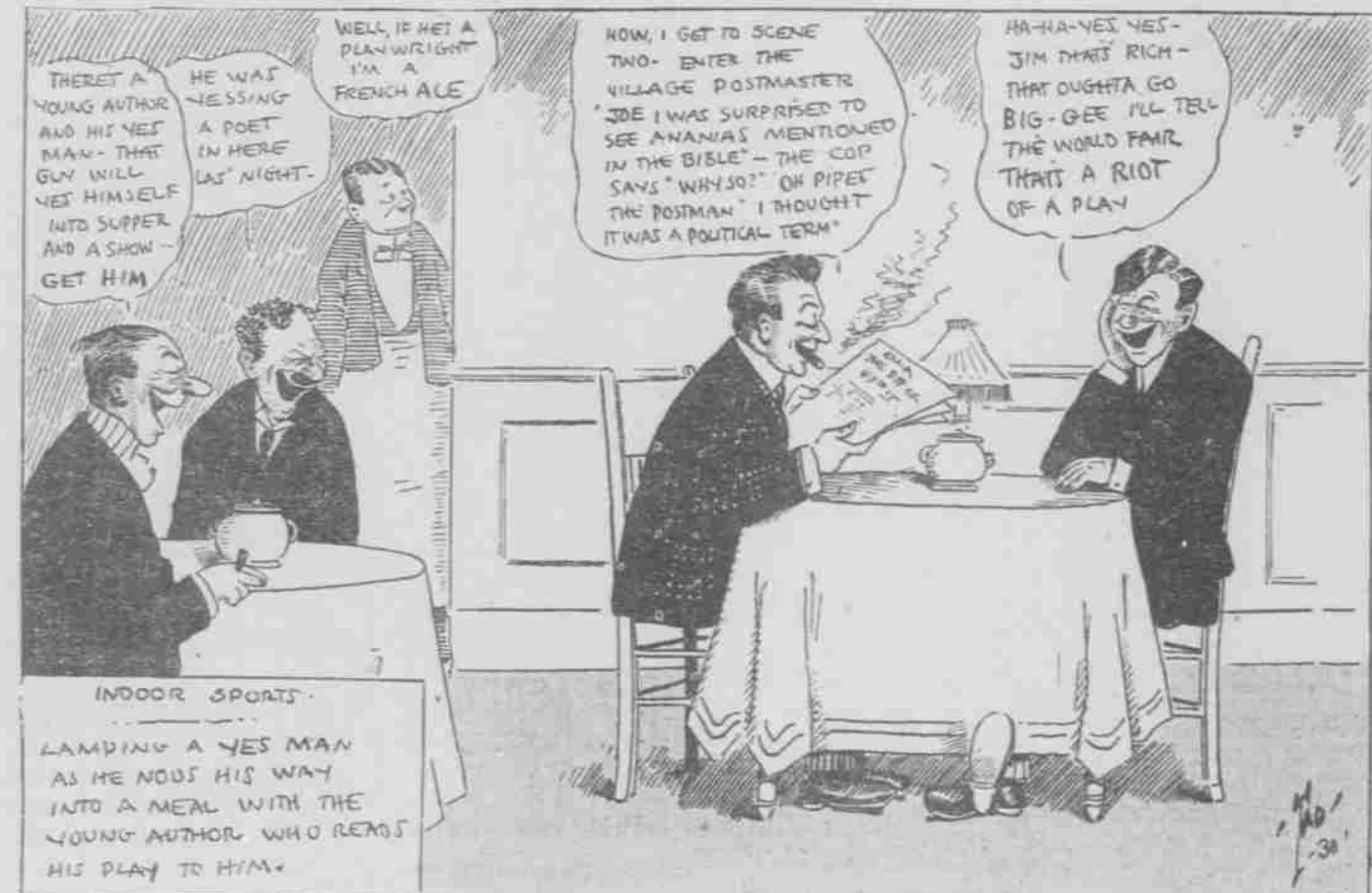
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## Indoor Sports

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## BASEBALL

### Parson Wedge vs Short

## -Standings-

AMERICAN LEAGUE.		
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